

Shenandoah National Park

2014 Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program



Description

Shenandoah National Park is seeking applicants for the 2014 Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program. The selected TRT will assist park staff with creating Teacher User Guides for the museum exhibits located in the park's visitor centers. The guides would help students learn about the park's history, natural resources, and recreational activities through self-guided, inquiry-based lessons and activities. The target grade levels for the teacher guides are 4th-6th grades. The student activities created through this project may also be included in the park's Junior Ranger program. The TRT will have opportunities to learn other park programs such as summer youth programs, interpretive talks and presentations, and visitor information and orientation services.

Applicants should have skill in creating thought-provoking, engaging student activities, experience in teaching 4th-6th grade history, social studies or science, and have public speaking experience. The selected teacher must be able to commit to working in Shenandoah National Park for a minimum of 160 hours over 8-10 weeks between June and August and to sharing the TRT experience with students, faculty, staff, and parents during the following school year. Projected dates of TRT position: June 16 – August 22, 2014.

Requirements and How to Apply

The TRT will be required to complete an agency background check, attend a TRT program webinar, and develop at least one lesson plan to use with their students. The TRT will receive a \$3000 stipend upon successful completion of the program. Shared housing in the park is available.

Interested teachers should download and complete the TRT **application form** posted on the Shenandoah National Park web page at <http://www.nps.gov/shen/forteachers/development/trt.htm>
Mail or email the completed application by **March 28, 2014** to:

Shenandoah National Park
3655 US Hwy 211 E
Luray, VA 22835
Attn: Tim Taglauer

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TRT Program

The TRT program provides an extended professional development opportunity for teachers to learn about the resources and educational materials available through the National Park Service. Teachers spend the summer working with park staff on education projects, learning about park resources and visitor services, and developing lesson plans to use in their classrooms. The program is administered through a cooperative agreement with the University of Colorado, Denver. Professional development and graduate credit hours are available through the university.

Visit these websites for more information on the TRT program:

<http://www.nps.gov/teachers/teacher-ranger-teacher.htm>
<http://teacherrangerteacher.org/>

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